



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 13267-09
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 14 September 2010. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. The Board found that you entered active duty in the Navy on 5 May 1986. On 8 March 1987, you were hospitalized in Yokosuka, Japan after being found acutely intoxicated and making a suicidal gesture. You were diagnosed by a Navy psychiatrist as having a mixed personality disorder which existed prior to your enlistment. You were notified that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation with a type of characterization warranted by your service record discharge due to your diagnosed personality

disorder. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 14 October 1987, you received a general discharge due to your diagnosed personality disorder, and were assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, post service good conduct, and allegation that you have never been examined by a licensed mental health professional. However, the Board concluded that your reason for separation should not be changed because of your diagnosed personality disorder. The Board also found that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. The Board found evidence in your record contrary to your allegation. In view of the above, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director